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# EUROVISION

## SONG CONTEST STOCKHOLM 2016

### FINAL

Eurovision Song Contest 2016 handbook by ESC+Plus. All you need to know about the 42 participants to compete in Stockholm



## 10, 12 & 14 of May 2016

After the thrilling finish in Vienna, Austria, with Måns Zelmerlöw taking the crown with his song, "Heroes", the 61st edition of the Eurovision Song Contest will be hosted this year in Stockholm, Sweden. The contest, which has been held annually since 1956 will be making the stop in Sweden for the sixth time. Member nations of the European Broadcasting Union (EBU) are given the chance to send a participant from their country to the musical contest, which has become more and more popular throughout the world. After the performances, a winning song will be lauded as the best song according to viewers and will join an elite group of winners that includes Loreen of Sweden, the bearded lady of Austria, Conchita Wurst, two-time winner and Mr. Eurovision himself, Johnny Logan, worldwide success ABBA, and even Celine Dion.

Swedish public broadcaster, SVT, will be the local organization in charge of the contest with major telecommunications company Tele2 as a lead sponsor. The three main shows will take place at the Ericsson Globe Arena and be broadcast to nearly 200 million people across the world. Three shows, occurring on the 10th, 12th, and 14th of May will make up this year's contest — Two Semi Finals, where 36 competing countries will be narrowed down to 20, moving on to the Grand Final where they will be joined by the host country and the Big 5.



- First Semi Final: May 10 (21:00 CET)
- Second Semi Final: May 12 (21:00 CET)
- Grand Final: May 14 (21:00 CET)

The Globe Arena has a 10,500 occupancy rate with its Eurovision configuration and has played venue to many popular events, include the Eurovision Song Contest once before, in 2000.

Due to their popularity, 2015's winner Zelmerlöw, will be co-hosting the show with Petra Mede, a popular Swedish host and presenter who also hosted the 2013 Eurovision Song Contest in Sweden, co-hosted Eurovision's Greatest Hits concert in London last year, and this year's Swedish National Final, Melodifestivalen. The writing duties for the event will fall to Edward Af Sillen, who wrote for the 2010 Eurovision Song Contest and several years of Melodifestivalen.







The slogan for the 61st edition of the contest is 'Come Together', promoting the ideals of unity and extolling the virtues of musical being communicative across borders and languages. Indeed the countries will come together in the logo this year, a dandelion bloom in which each seed represents the participant countries. As the contest ends, the dandelion seeds will scatter in the winds back to their homes to plant and share the love and fellowship they experienced in Sweden.

The impressive set design for the contest also comes from a veteran team of designers. Frida Arvidsson and Viktor Brattström return after creating the staging from the contest's last visit to Sweden in Malmö 2013. No less than 26 cameras will film the artistic displays of songs and visuals to the backdrop of a 15,5 x 50 x 32-metre super-stage with a record-breaking nearly 2.000 square metre of LED-screens on the walls combined with just 250 square metre on the stage floor. Nearly two thousand lighting units along with almost a hundred different environmental effect units, including pyrotechnics, fog, and CO2, and the worlds largest video projector can be utilized by each country to make an impressive visual presentation alongside their songs.

One major change for this year occurs in the voting system. Under the guidance of Christer Björkman, Sweden's contest producer, the jury and public vote 50/50 split will remain, but will be presented drastically different. For the first time in history, the points given by each group will be announced separately, as opposed to being combined and aggregated into the traditional douze pointe allotment. Meaning that each country will get a set of points from the juries which will take the form of the 1-8, 10 and 12 points, which will be announced via remote call-ins from each country as usual, then the hosts will present the public votes for each country. The tallied public votes will start with the lowest scoring country and work their way to the most voted — causing a heightened sense of drama and tension as the winner will only be known at the very end nearly all situations. With the new system, a record point-scoring win will be all but assured, with the dreaded nul point finish being statistically unlikely.



In a number of earlier contests, runaway wins will usually obviously spotted before the voting had finished, which was the main cause for the changes to the voting system this year.





What started out with a record-matching number of participants with 43, saw Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, and Ukraine return, while Portugal chose not to participate. Australia returned after the special 60th invitation, but will now compete through the Semi Finals opposed to starting in the Final with the host country and the Big 5. In dramatic fashion, the Romanian entrant was disqualified just three weeks prior to the contest. Ovidiu Anton was set to perform with "Moment of Silence", and had taken part in many pre-parties and press events, but the European Broadcasting

Union(EBU) chose to expel the Romanian broadcaster, Televiziunea Romana (TVR), on grounds of non-payment of a debt in the excess of 16 million Swiss francs. The now 42 contestants matches the high of a number of years, the latest of which being the 2012 Azerbaijani edition.



























	Albania		Iceland
	Armenia		Ireland
	Australia		Israel
	Austria		Italy
	Azerbaijan		Latvia
	Belarus		Lithuania
	Belgium		Malta
	Bosnia & Herzegovina		Moldova
	Bulgaria		Montenegro
	Croatia		Norway
	Cyprus		Poland
	Czech Republic		Russia
	Denmark		San Marino
	Estonia		Serbia
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	Georgia		Switzerland
	Germany		The Netherlands
	Greece		Ukraine
	Hungary		United Kingdom



# Final

May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016

## Final Running Order

	Country	Performer	Song Title
1	 Belgium	Laura Tesoro	What's The Pressure
2	 Czech Republic	Gabriela Guncíková	I Stand
3	 The Netherlands	Douwe Bob	Slow Down
4	 Azerbaijan	Samra	Miracle
5	 Hungary	Freddie	Pioneer
6	 Italy	Francesca Michielin	No Degree Of Separation
7	 Israel	Hovi Star	Made Of Stars
8	 Bulgaria	Poli Genova	If Love Was A Crime
9	 Sweden	Frans	If I Were Sorry
10	 Germany	Jamie-Lee Kriewitz	Ghost
11	 France	Amir	J'ai cherché
12	 Poland	Michał Szpak	Color Of Your Life
13	 Australia	Dami Im	Sound Of Silence
14	 Cyprus	Minus One	Alter Ego
15	 Serbia	Sanja Vucic ZAA	Goodbye (Shelter)
16	 Lithuania	Donny Montell	I've Been Waiting for This Night
17	 Croatia	Nina Kraljic	Lighthouse
18	 Russia	Sergey Lazarev	You Are The Only One
19	 Spain	Barei	Say Yay!
20	 Latvia	Justs	Heartbeat
21	 Ukraine	Jamala	1944
22	 Malta	Ira Losco	Walk On Water
23	 Georgia	Nika Kocharov & Young Georgian Lolitaz	Midnight Gold
24	 Austria	ZOË	Loin d'ici
25	 United Kingdom	Joe and Jake	You're Not Alone
26	 Armenia	Iveta Mukuchyan	LoveWave



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**Belgium – VRT**  
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## My Mark:

<b>Performer(s):</b>	Laura Tesoro
<b>Song:</b>	What's the pressure
<b>Composer(s):</b>	Sanne Putseys, Birsen Uçar
<b>Writer(s):</b>	Sanne Putseys, Louis Favre, Yannick Werther
<b>Debut Show:</b>	Second Semi-Final
<b>Selection Method:</b>	External (Eurosong 2016)
<b>Twitter:</b>	@Lauwraaaaah_

## Biography:

19-year-old Laura Tesoro from Antwerp is a multi-talented performer: she sings, dances, acts and presents. This Belgian with Italian roots inherited the showbiz gene from her parents, who were both musical artists. She got her first television role when she was 8 and by the time she was 11 she was starring in the musical Annie.

Energetic Laura participated successfully in song contests such as Ketnetpop, The Voice and most recently Eurosong, the Belgian national selection for the Eurovision Song Contest. She performs with her own live band and has already released several of her own songs. She loves up-tempo pop, with a dash of funk and soul. Laura's Eurovision number What's The Pressure is exactly the sort of song she loves to listen to and sing.

## Lyrics:

Don't ask me why the sun is shining  
Long after the day is done  
The evening falls, the bright lights  
Bring out the best in me

BRIDGE:  
I see massive walls weighing down the people  
all around  
They don't seem to mind at all  
And I will try to stand my ground  
Won't be bound  
Brings out the best in me

CHORUS:  
What's the pressure?  
You will grow, you will know in the end  
This is fiction  
It's in your mind, live your life instead

Don't ask me why the sun is shining  
Brings me all the joy and hope in live  
Even though these rules they'

Try'na take over me  
Try'na take over me

BRIDGE

CHORUS

What's the pressure?  
This is fiction  
It's in your mind, live your life the best  
You gotta do what you wanna do  
You gotta be who you wanna be  
So tell me what's the pressure

What's the pressure?  
This is fiction  
It's in your mind, live your life instead

What's the pressure?  
You will grow and you will know in the end  
This is fiction  
It's in your mind, live your life the best



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**Czech Republic – Ceska Televize**  
www.Ceskatelevize.cz

**My Mark:**



**Performer(s):** Gabriela Guncíková  
**Song:** I stand  
**Composer(s):** Christian Schneider & Sara Biglert  
**Writer(s):** Aidan O'Connor & Sara Biglert  
**Debut Show:** First Semi-Final  
**Selection Method:** Internal  
**Twitter:** @GabinaGuncikova

### Biography:

Gabriela Guncíková was born on 27 June 1993 in Kroměříž, Czech Republic. She was a finalist in the second season of SuperStar and won the "New Artist" award at the 2011 Český Slavík awards.

She made two albums and played over a hundred concerts around the Czech Republic and Slovakia. In 2013 she has decided to improve her singing so she contacted one of the most famous coaches in the world, Ken Tamplin, and went to study singing in California. Gabriela has become the face of Ken Tamplin Vocal Academy, as one of the best students with a voice at the global level.

The result of their cooperation has been found by Paul O'Neill from the American band Trans-Siberian Orchestra - and that is how Gabriela has become one of the singers of this band. She performed with them on two tours and about 120 shows around the USA. Now she decided to go in the direction of her solo career.

### Lyrics:

I've worn the path  
I've hit the wall  
I'm the one who rose and fall  
I've played my heart  
When I played the part  
But it got me through the rain  
I've felt the strain  
I've made mistakes  
With the monsters in my head  
But in the end  
You're standing there  
You're the one who always cares

CHORUS:  
Cause I stand  
I stand  
I am standing here  
Just because of you  
Every part of me is a part of you  
I stand

I'm standing tall  
I can hold it all  
Now I see where I belong  
The choice I made  
Helped me understand  
Now this life is mine to play  
I am thanking you, you made me  
You are my air  
I'll always care!

### CHORUS

You never lose hold of me  
You always trust and you see

I stand (x3)  
I am standing here  
Just because of you  
Every part of me is a part of you  
I stand (x2)



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**The Netherlands – AVROTROS**  
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**My Mark:**



**Performer(s):** Douwe Bob  
**Song:** Slow down  
**Composer(s):** Douwe Bob Posthuma, Jan Peter Hoekstra, Jeroen Overman & Matthijs Van Duijvenbode  
**Writer(s):** Douwe Bob Posthuma, Jan Peter Hoekstra & Jeroen Overman  
**Debut Show:** First Semi-Final  
**Selection Method:** Internal  
**Twitter:** @douwe\_bob

### Biography:

Douwe Bob (23), was born and raised in an Amsterdam artists' family. In 2012 he was voted best singer-songwriter in the Netherlands and has become established in the Dutch music scene with the #1 album Pass It On and hits like Sweet Sunshine and Hold Me Now (duet with Anouk, 2013 Eurovision Song Contest). His music is characterised by the combination of songs rooted firmly in the 60s and 70s but at the same time, has an extremely contemporary sound. A love for music from that time was something he grew up with.

The chemistry with his band members is essential; their live performances at major national and international festivals and their recent tour of the Netherlands, have been described as formidable. Slow Down is a protest song against the demands of modern life. Douwe believes that it is necessary to sit back and look at what is really important in life.

### Lyrics:

I'm going nowhere and I'm going fast  
I should find a place to go and rest  
I should find a place to lay my head tonight

Every morning there's another start  
Every morning hits so hard  
Guess I'm running scared, guess I'm running on empty

Mister can you help me  
Cause it seems I've been lead astray  
I keep searching for an answer for a way  
Won't you help me  
You gotta...

CHORUS:  
Slow down brother  
Slow down brother  
Slow down if you can't go on  
Slow down brother  
Slow down brother  
Slow down if you can't go on

Do you think I'll ever learn  
I used to be without concern  
Now all I ever do don't seem to free me

Mister can you help me  
Cause it seems I've been lead astray  
I keep searching for an answer today  
Won't you help me  
You gotta...

CHORUS (x3)



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**Azerbaijan – Ictimai TV**  
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## My Mark:

<b>Performer(s):</b>	Samra
<b>Song:</b>	Miracle
<b>Composer(s):</b>	Amir Aly, Jakke Erixson & Henrik Wikström
<b>Writer:</b>	Amir Aly, Jakke Erixson & Henrik Wikström
<b>Debut Show:</b>	First Semi-Final
<b>Selection Method:</b>	Internal
<b>Twitter:</b>	@SamraEurovision

## Biography:

Samra Rahimli is an up-and-coming Azerbaijani singer. Her foray into the music industry began at 16 when she took part in the national selection for the 2012 Eurovision Song Contest. After impressing audiences as the youngest contestant, Samra enrolled at Azerbaijan State University of Culture and Arts. Samra returned to the spotlight in 2015, when she reached the quarter finals in The Voice of Turkey. When The Voice came to Azerbaijan in 2015, her performance of Miley Cyrus' Wrecking Ball during a blind audition amazed the audience and she reached the competition's final. Samra's singing influences include Aretha Franklin, Diana Ross and Beyoncé. She dreams to land a lead role in her favourite musical Dreamgirls. Now Samra is concentrating all her efforts on the Eurovision Song Contest. Her entry is called Miracle and despite the fairytale-like title is a dramatic break-up story. "I've been through the similar experience once," explains Samra, "It's never easy to let someone go but you have to stay strong and keep moving."

## Lyrics:

You got in my head, boy, like a song  
That I kept on singing, all along  
But the radio stopped to play us long ago, long ago

Guess I've had enough, boy, guess I'm done  
Like a burning fire, now it's gone  
Thought I saw myself in you, I made a mistake,  
there's nothing to say  
I'm walking away

### CHORUS:

Gonna take a miracle, oh oh  
Gonna take a miracle to heal this love  
Baby I won't stay another night  
This time I say goodbye, I'm letting you go

Gonna take a miracle, oh oh  
It was a one way road for you and I  
Yeah, we built this castle based on lies  
And now we have hit the point of no return  
We crash and we burn, you live and you learn

### CHORUS

Gonna take a miracle, oh oh  
Gonna take a miracle to save us now  
And I won't pretend to be alright  
my heart is on the line, our end is my start

(Mira, mira, miracle  
Mira, mira, mira  
Mira, mira, miracle  
Mira, mira, miracle  
Mira, mira, mira  
Mira, mira, Miracle)

Gonna take a miracle, oh oh  
Gonna take a miracle to save us now

Gonna take a...  
(Mira, mira, miracle  
Mira, mira, mira  
Mira, mira, Miracle)  
To save us no



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**Hungary – MTVA**  
www.mtva.hu

**My Mark:**



**Performer(s):** Freddie  
**Song:** Pioneer  
**Composer(s):** Szabó Zé  
**Writer(s):** Borbála Csarnai  
**Debut Show:** First Semi-Final  
**Selection Method:** External (A Dal 2016)  
**Twitter:** @Freddie\_HUN

### Biography:

Freddie was born in Győr, Hungary, in 1990. His dedication to music appeared quite early, as he was translating lyrics, writing poems both in English and Hungarian, but basketball also played a leading role in his life. When he had to give up his promising sports career because of a serious injury, he turned to music for comfort and took up playing the guitar.

Freddie's musical breakthrough came in 2014 after his studies as hotel management specialist, as he took part in the Hungarian edition of Rising Star. Following the TV show, his first single Mary Joe was released and became a massive hit in no time. His single was the first Hungarian one since 2011 that managed to reach number one in the Top 40 for three weeks in a row. Freddie regularly performs concerts throughout Hungary, either with a live band or as a solo singer.

### Lyrics:

When you need to run away  
From what other people say  
Your enemy might be your own mind  
A smile, a hug, a bit of praise  
You haven't received for days  
For long you feel mistreated

In a world where the poems sound fake  
And the love is replaced by the fame

#### CHORUS:

A million hearts of a million people  
Be proud, you were born to be real  
(Ooohhh... ooohhh...)  
A million lies in a million temples  
It's only fear, become a pioneer  
(Ooohhh... ooohhh...)

You've been weird, been a mess  
They don't know how to value uniqueness  
So they turn their heads away

When there ain't no products to sell  
Everyone will cast their own spell

#### CHORUS

No right time, no right place  
To meet your inner grace  
Approval is found within

A million hearts of a million people  
Be proud, you were born to be real  
No right time, no right place  
A million lies in a million temples  
It's only fear, become a pioneer  
(Ooohhh... ooohhh...)

You should know, you should know (x2)



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Italy – RAI  
www.rai.it



## My Mark:

**Performer(s):** Francesca Michielin  
**Song:** No degree of separation  
**Composer(s):** Fabio Gargiulo, Federica Abbate & Cheope  
**Writer(s):** Francesca Michielin, Federica Abbate & Norma Jean Martine  
**Debut Show:** Final  
**Selection Method:** External (Festival di Sanremo 2016)  
**Twitter:** @francescacacheeks

## Biography:

Born in 1995, Francesca studied piano and electric bass as a child. Aged 16, she won Italian X Factor, her single and EP titled *Distratto* (#1 on iTunes) was certified double platinum. The song was a gift from Elisa, who also worked on the artistic direction of *Riflessi di Me*, Francesca's debut album. Released in 2013, *Cigno Nero*, was a double-platinum duet with rapper Fedez. They also recorded *Magnifico* (five times platinum). In 2014, she wrote and sang *Amazing*, on *The Amazing Spider-Man 2* soundtrack. In 2015, she released *di20* followed by *Nice to Meet You: a musical autobiography* that she toured solo in clubs playing keyboards, guitar, electric bass, kettle drum, and TC-Helicon.

In 2016, Francesca came second at Sanremo with *Nessun Grado di Separazione* (#1 on iTunes and radio charts, Festival's most popular song on Spotify with more than 1 million streams). The video already has 5 million views. The track is from her new album *di20are*, which debuted at #1 on iTunes and is a bestselling album in Italy.

## Lyrics:

È la prima volta che mi capita, prima mi  
chiudevo in una scatola  
Sempre un po' distante dalle cose della vita  
Perché così profondamente non l'avevo mai  
sentita  
E poi ho sentito un'emozione accendersi veloce  
E farsi strada nel mio petto senza spegnere la  
voce  
E non sentire più tensione solo vita dentro di  
me

Nessun grado di separazione  
Nessun tipo di esitazione  
Non c'è più nessuna divisione fra di noi  
Siamo una sola direzione in questo universo  
che si muove  
Non c'è nessun grado di separazione

Davo meno spazio al cuore e più alla mente,  
sempre un passo indietro e l'anima in allerta

e guardavo il mondo da una porta, mai  
completamente aperta e non da vicino  
e no non c'è alcuna esitazione finalmente  
dentro di me

There is no degree of separation  
There is no degree of hesitation  
There is no degree of space between us, live  
in love  
We are stars aligned together  
dancing through the sky, we are shining

Nessun grado di separazione  
Nessun grado di separazione in questo  
universo che si muove  
E poi ho sentito un'emozione accendersi  
veloce  
E farsi strada nel mio petto senza spegnere la  
voce



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Israel – IBA  
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## My Mark:

<b>Performer(s):</b>	Hovi Star
<b>Song:</b>	Made of stars
<b>Composer(s):</b>	Doron Medalie
<b>Writer(s):</b>	Doron Medalie
<b>Debut Show:</b>	Second Semi-Final
<b>Selection Method:</b>	External (Hakochav Haba Le'eyrovizion)
<b>Twitter:</b>	@MrHoviStar

## Biography:

Hovi Star is one of Israel's most recognised and beloved singers and since 2009 he has released several singles and performed hundreds of times, all over the world. Hovi also wrote and composed songs for other singers and was asked to join the dubbing ensemble for the Hebrew versions of Disney and Pixar box office hits including Frozen, Lego, Cinderella, Inside Out and others.

Hovi's childhood dream was to represent Israel in the Eurovision Song Contest. With rare vocal abilities and a winning personality, he recently took part in the music reality TV show, The Next Star for Eurovision. Hovi was a clear favourite from the beginning, winning the hearts of both viewers at home and the panel of expert jurors. Hovi is also very interested in fashion, which will be reflected in his performance on stage in Stockholm.

## Lyrics:

A language I don't understand  
You speak, I listen, I'm your friend  
(You hypnotize me...)  
Take my hand  
A million faces tied in chains  
You ride a black horse in the rain,  
(You hypnotize me...)

Don't escape no more  
No more, no more, no more,  
Cause we are all...

CHORUS:  
Made of stars  
Silver fragments falling  
We are... made of stars  
We are made of stars  
Searching for that secret promise  
Made of stars

You heal me, you fill me  
Ignite a flame within me (Hypnotize me...)

Mmmm... I'm begging you  
Don't escape no more  
No more,  
no more, no more,  
'cause we are all...

CHORUS  
Tell me that you understand  
Come in close and take my hand  
Let's float across the sky line  
There's no floor and there's no ceiling  
Dance with me like we are made of stars

Cause we are, cause we are  
Cause we are, cause we are  
We are, we are, we are...

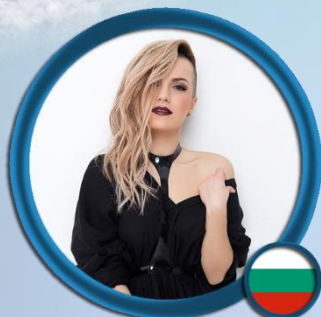
CHORUS

Dance with me like we are made of stars (x2)





**Bulgaria – BNT**  
www.bnt.bg



## My Mark:

<b>Performer(s):</b>	Poli Genova
<b>Song:</b>	If love was a crime
<b>Composer(s):</b>	Borislav Milanov, Sebastian Arman & Joachim Bo Persson
<b>Writer(s):</b>	Borislav Milanov, Sebastian Arman, Joachim Bo Persson & Poli Genova
<b>Debut Show:</b>	Second Semi-Final
<b>Selection Method:</b>	Internal
<b>Twitter:</b>	@poligenova

## Biography:

Poli Genova started singing at the age of four at the popular Bulgarian children's music group Bon-Bon and later helped establish their label. She studied clarinet at a musical school in Sofia and then film directing at the Bulgarian National Academy for Theatrical and Film Arts.

X Factor, Dancing with the Stars, BG TOP 40, The Magnificent Six, I Can Do That, Your face sounds familiar - the list of popular TV formats she in which she has participated in Bulgaria goes on and on. Most notably, she won the first place in the reality musical format Musical Academy.

Together with Bon-Bon, Poli Genova is active in numerous charity campaigns in Bulgaria including for UNICEF and SOS Children's Villages, Awareness for Autism campaign and Bulgarian Christmas campaign, supported by the Bulgarian President, and AVON campaign against the breast cancer.

Poli currently takes part in three musicals and she is also the Bulgarian voice of Judy Hoops in the new Disney film Zootropolis.

## Lyrics:

You and I we collide like the stars on the  
summer night, we can shine for ever  
And you and I we're alive, what we feel is what  
is right, we can run like never

BRIDGE:  
If love was a crime then we would be criminals  
Locked up for life but I'll do the time  
If love was a crime then we would work  
miracles  
High above the ground  
They will never break us down

CHORUS:  
О, дай ми любовта (x3) They will never break us  
down  
О, дай ми любовта (x3) They will never break us  
down

Never mind, wrong or right, our love ain't got  
no pride, so we change for better  
Unafraid, never fade, when it's dark we  
illuminate, can we rise together

BRIDGE AND CHORUS

Together we're untouchable, you and me  
against the world, together we're invincible  
They will never break us down

CHORUS

Together we're untouchable, you and me  
against the world, together we're invincible  
They will never break us down



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Sweden – SVT  
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**Performer(s):** Frans  
**Song:** If I were sorry  
**Composer(s):** Frans Jeppson Wall, Fredrik Andersson, Michael Saxell & Oscar Fogelström  
**Writer(s):** Frans Jeppson Wall, Fredrik Andersson, Michael Saxell & Oscar Fogelström  
**Debut Show:** Final  
**Selection Method:** External (Melodifestivalen 2016)  
**Twitter:** @FransJeppsson

## My Mark:

### Biography:

Frans Jeppson Wall was born on December 19, 1998 in Ystad, region of Skåne in Southern Sweden. He first gained recognition during the World Cup of 2006 when he released his now famed tribute track paying homage to Zlatan Ibrahimovic, all at the tender age of seven years old. The song, named Who's Da Man swiftly became a phenomenon and Frans was soon crowned "Zlatan- Frans" with and by the Swedish people. This year, 10 years after his original homage to Zlatan, Frans is now making an explosive comeback in the Swedish Song Contest Melodifestivalen with his new track If I Were Sorry.

The track is co-written by Fredrik Andersson, Michael Saxell, Oscar Fogelström and Frans himself. The song is currently #1 on the Swedish Spotify charts, number 1 on the Swedish national single sales chart and the track has since been streamed more than 4 million times – this despite stiff competition from other strong Melodifestivalen contributions as well as world famous artists including Zayn and Rihanna.

### Lyrics:

I'd crawl through the desert on my hands and knees  
Rehearsin my pretty please  
Climb the highest mountain, If I were sorry  
Shout it from the top  
Swim under water until my lungs exploded  
Walk into the fire, If I were sorry  
I'd run a thousand miles  
Wouldn't stop until I dropped  
Wouldn't take a break to breathe until I got close enough, Then I'd do it all again  
If I really had the chance  
But I know deep inside for you its just another dance

#### CHORUS:

If I were sorry, I'd give you all the glory  
If I were sorry  
If I were sorry, It would be a different story  
If I were sorry  
If I were sorry... ooohhh  
I'd hold my breath until my face turned blue  
I'd rob a bank and the post office too  
Swim across the ocean

If I were sorry, I'd take vow of silence  
I wouldn't say a single word  
Until you really Heard, If I were sorry  
I'd run a thousand miles  
Wouldn't stop until I dropped  
Wouldn't take the break to breathe  
Until I I got close enough

#### CHORUS

Now I did you ever realize  
That your mistake had a prize  
Oh you threw it all away  
Cuz youre the devil in disguise  
Now would you ever realize  
The consequences of your lies  
And would you save the falling tear or act as if  
There's nothing there

If I were sorry (If I were sorry) (x2)  
If I were sorry, I'd take a vow of silence  
I wouldn't say a single word (If I were sorry)  
If I were sorry, I'd be on my hands and knees  
beggin pretty please  
If I were sorry, but I'm not sorry no



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Germany – NDR  
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## My Mark:

<b>Performer(s):</b>	Jamie Lee Kriewitz
<b>Song:</b>	Ghost
<b>Composer(s):</b>	Anna Leyne, Thomas Burchia, Conrad Hensel
<b>Writer(s):</b>	Anna Leyne
<b>Debut Show:</b>	Final
<b>Selection Method:</b>	External (Unser Lied für Stockholm)
<b>Twitter:</b>	@JamieLeeKriewit

## Biography:

This fascinating, independent and exceptional artist, whose full name is Jamie-Lee Kriewitz, doesn't take herself too seriously. She dreams of taking a trip to Korea, lives as a vegan and is an absolute fan of the Japanese Decora Kei style, as anyone can easily see in the playful, extrovert and colourful Manga looks that she wears. A style with which Jamie-Lee is already setting a trend: her eye-catching outfits have already become hot topics on social networks and no doubt all eyes will be on her in Stockholm.

Through her music, Jamie-Lee expresses her preference for the comics aesthetics from the Far East. With her pop ballad Ghost, Jamie-Lee takes us into the secret meanders of her fantasy realm. Ghost is a rather sad love song, which depicts a story that anyone can relate to.

## Lyrics:

The story of us  
Is it already told?  
Let's tear the book apart  
Start to rewrite it all  
We're already gone  
But still in this together  
Like a dragon to his gold  
We're still holding on

BRIDGE:  
Our life won't wait for us to live  
(We don't need a lifetime to figure out what we miss)  
The love we get is the love we give  
(A money chest full of love, but we hid the key)

CHORUS:  
This is the ghost of you  
Haunting the ghost of me  
We're lonely in a crowded room together  
Tell me who's scared now!  
This is the ghost of you  
Haunting the ghost of me

We're playing house in these walls forever  
Tell me who's scared now!  
(Can we get an alternate ending?  
Can we get an alternate ending?  
Oooooohohoh)

Somehow we will change  
Everything that we touch  
But we held on too tight  
And changed it too much  
We sweep up this love  
Put the pieces back together  
And if we find them all  
Can we bring this to life?

BRIDGE  
CHORUS

(Can we get an alternate ending?  
Can we get an alternate ending,  
ooooohohoh)

CHORUS (x2)



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**France – France 2**  
www.france2.fr



## My Mark:

<b>Performer(s):</b>	Amir
<b>Song:</b>	J'ai cherché
<b>Composer(s):</b>	Nazim Khaled, Amir Haddad & Johan Errami
<b>Writer(s):</b>	Nazim Khaled & Amir Haddad
<b>Debut Show:</b>	Final
<b>Selection Method:</b>	Internal
<b>Twitter:</b>	@Amir_Off

## Biography:

Since Amir was a child, he has dreamt of performing on stage and always had the ambition to become an artist. After being a dental surgeon, Amir tried his luck in the world of music and started a professional singing career.

In 2013 Amir took part in the talent TV music show The Voice where he got recognition from all four judges in the "blind auditions". The audience also voted for Amir and brought him to the final. At the same time, Amir started to write songs. His album Au coeur de moi includes themes that the singer cherishes, his spirituality, his idealism and musical influences.

J'ai cherché is Amir's first single. With his music, Amir wants his fans to hear the message that came from far away, but also from nearby to guide us to ourselves, to make us joyful, just for a moment which becomes eternity.

## Lyrics:

You... you...

J'ai cherché un sens à mon existence, J'y ai  
laissé mon innocence  
J'ai fini le coeur sans défense... J'ai cherché  
L'amour et la reconnaissance, J'ai payé le prix  
du silence, Je me blesse et je recommence.

### BRIDGE:

Tu m'as comme donné l'envie d'être moi  
Donné un sens à mes pourquoi  
Tu as tué la peur... qui dormait là, qui dormait là  
dans mes bras

### CHORUS (x2):

You... you're the one that's making me strong  
I'll be looking looking for  
You... like the melody of my song

J'ai cherché un sens, un point de repère,  
partagé en 2 hémisphères

Comme une erreur de l'univers... J'ai jeté  
Tellement de bouteilles à la mer, J'ai bu tant  
de liqueurs amères, que j'en ai les lèvres de  
pierre

### BRIDGE

### CHORUS (x2)

Au gré de nos blessures, et de nos  
désinvoltures  
C'est quand on n'y croit plus du tout, qu'on  
trouve un paradis perdu  
En nous... Oh you you you you

### CHORUS

Like the melody of my song

BRIDGE  
CHORUS



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Poland – TVP  
www.tvp.pl



## My Mark:

**Performer(s):** Michał Szpak  
**Song:** Color of your life  
**Composer(s):** Andy Palmer  
**Writer(s):** Kamil Varen  
**Debut Show:** Second Semi-Final  
**Selection Method:** External (Krajowe Eliminacje 2016)  
**Twitter:** @michalszpakofic

## Biography:

Michał Szpak was born on 26th November, 1990 in Jasło, into a artistic family. Aged 9 he performed on stage and won his first award in the Young Talents Competition.

In 2011 he reached the X-factor talent show finale. He came second singing with the British edition's winner Alexandra Burke, who was impressed by his vibrant image and charisma. A few weeks later, he gave a concert at the Orange Warsaw Festival, before Skunk Anansie and Moby. He sang three songs from the Red Hot Chili Peppers, Guns N' Roses and Lenny Kravitz. In December 2011 Michał released his first recordings; an EP with 5 songs.

In 2013 Michał won the main prize, the Golden Samovar, at the Russian Song Festival in Zielona Góra, with the song "Dark Eyes".

In November 2015 he released an album *Byle Być Sobą* (Just Be Yourself), which included 12 songs with different musical styles reflecting the artist's fascination with music from the 1980s, 1990s as well as symphonic music. He performed his first single, Real Hero at the 52nd National Festival of Polish Songs in Opole. He won the main prize in the SuperPremieres 2015 competition by a large margin of votes.

## Lyrics:

When loneliness is knocking on your door  
 Everything you loved just disappears  
 And when you feel that everything is lost  
 You need to know there's no life without tears

CHORUS:  
 Ooohh tell me black or white  
 What color is your life  
 Ooohhh try to ask your heart  
 Who you really are

No one is forever beautiful and young  
 Everything you know just disappears  
 Fame and gold are nothing you can be sure  
 When there is no love in your heart  
 You need to know there's no life without fear

The choice is yours who you really want to be  
 Don't be afraid of your destiny  
 So when you feel that everything is lost

CHORUS

Every day we must fight with the wind  
 We have to live  
 All these things are just empty desire  
 Cause there's no smoke without fire

CHORUS

Ooohhh try to ask your heart  
 What color is your life



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**Australia – SBS**  
www.sbs.com.au



## My Mark:

**Performer(s):** Dami Im  
**Song:** Sound of silence  
**Composer(s):** David Musumeci & Anthony Egizii  
**Writer(s):** David Musumeci & Anthony Egizii  
**Selection Method:** Second Semi-Final  
**Selection:** Internal  
**Twitter:** @damiandmusic

## Biography:

Like all great stories, Dami Im's life sounds a lot like a fairy tale. There's a certain amount of struggle, a determination to succeed and then the joys that success itself eventually brings. Dami was born in South Korea, she moved to Brisbane, Australia with her family when she was 9.

A classically trained pianist, she learnt how to speak English through listening to pop songs. Dami arrived in the spotlight seemingly out of nowhere in 2013, taking out the X Factor crown. Her astonishing voice and transformation into a fully-fledged pop performer won the hearts of the Australian public. More success followed as Dami earned a number one album with Dami Im and followed it with the hugely successful Top 10 release, Heart Beats and hits such as Alive, Super Love and Gladiator.

Dami, like all great singers knows how to inhabit a song and make it her own. Her choice of stage-wear may draw an audience in, but the real exchange comes when an audience hears her remarkable voice.

## Lyrics:

Growing tired and weary brown eyes  
Trying to feel your love through face time  
Symphonies of dreams and highlights  
Caught up in this crazy fast life  
But baby you're not here with me

BRIDGE:  
And I keep calling calling  
Keep calling cause

CHORUS:  
Now my heart awakes to the sound of silence  
And it beats to the sound of silence (x2)  
Now my heart awakes to the sound of silence  
And it beats to the sound of silence (x2)  
Getting hard to break through the madness  
You're not here it never makes sense

Tidal waves of tears are crashing  
No one here to save me drowning  
Cause baby you're not here with me

BRIDGE

CHORUS

I know I'm stronger and I'm capable  
I know it's all in my head  
But I keep calling, calling, calling, calling...

CHORUS



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**Cyprus – CyBC**  
www.cybc.com.cy



## My Mark:

<b>Performer(s):</b>	Minus One
<b>Song:</b>	Alter ego
<b>Composer(s):</b>	Thomas G:son & Minus One
<b>Writer(s):</b>	Thomas G:son & Minus One
<b>Debut Show:</b>	First Semi-Final
<b>Selection Method:</b>	Internal
<b>Twitter:</b>	@MinusCy

## Biography:

Minus One is a Greek Cypriot band that plays everything, from pop and rock classics, to today's newer hits. The band does not just play covers, but rearranges and refreshes the songs bringing them closer to the bands own sound.

Although starting as a cover band, as a side project they released original songs but with a different name. They will represent Cyprus in the 2016 Eurovision Song Contest so they started working on their own material this time not as a side project but as Minus One.

Their Eurovision song Alter Ego is the product of collaboration between the band and Thomas G:son who also handled the production. The band previously tried to represent Cyprus in 2015 where they placed third (first by the judges) in the Cypriot national selection with the song Shine.

## Lyrics:

Waking up alone, like a man that failed...  
Trapped into the mist of our fairytale  
And you know, you know, you know, I'm still inside  
I knew it all along, but I couldn't tell... This kind of love, would lock my heart in jail  
You know, you know, you know, it's doing time

### CHORUS:

Caught in the middle of, the dawn and the sunrise  
Life is a miracle, I saw it in your eyes  
Under the spotlight, I howl in the moonlight...  
Howling for you

### BRIDGE:

Take it on... take it on... and get me through the night  
Take it on... take it on... until the morning light  
Take it on... take it on... and get me through the night  
Take it on... take it on... take it on

I've heard it all before, people always say...  
Time can take the sorrow and the pain away  
And you know, you know, this love will never die

### CHORUS (x2)

### BRIDGE

I cross the oceans, I fly on the skyline... Drive any road that, will bring me by your side

### BRIDGE

Caught in the middle of, the dawn and the sunrise, life is a miracle, I saw it in your eyes



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**Serbia – RTS**  
www.rts.rs



## My Mark:

**Performer(s):** Sanja Vučić ZAA  
**Song:** Goodbye (Shelter)  
**Composer(s):** Ivana Peters  
**Writer(s):** Ivana Peters  
**Debut Show:** Second Semi-Final  
**Selection Method:** Internal  
**Twitter:** @vucic\_sanja

## Biography:

Fifteen years later, she has developed a voice to perform challenging songs of soul artists like Aretha Franklin, Beyoncé.

Nevertheless, Sanja developed her voice further with the opera diva Katarina Jovanović, who said that "it is important for Sanja to remain who she is and retain her distinctiveness". Besides studying Arabic, Sanja is a lead vocalist in the band ZAA.

Sanja lives in Belgrade, but she adores her hometown of Kruševac. Now she will have the opportunity to get to know Stockholm. Her career is referred to as "a Serbian dream", since she is a young girl who, thanks to her talent, managed to get the chance of a lifetime.

## Lyrics:

I wish I could stop it, I wish I could fight it,  
But there's nothing I can do  
I thought that we were meant for each other  
Oh, how I wish I knew you better

I played a fool so many times, can't even count it

### CHORUS:

Everytime I say goodbye,  
You try to keep me by your side  
Gotta fight my way out of your hands,  
find the shelter from the pain  
Every time you say your lies,  
I hide away and close my eyes,  
I won't let you tear my world apart,  
gotta find a shelter for my heart

I thought that it was supposed to hurt me,  
I thought that it was love,  
I put my hands up but I won't surrender  
don't need what doesn't serve me any more

I lick my wounds so that I can keep on fighting.

### CHORUS

Every time I say goodbye  
Baby stay away this night  
Everytime I say goodbye (you try to keep me by your side)  
I would fight my way out of your hands (find the Shelter from the pain)  
Everytime (I hide away and close my eyes) I won't let you tear my world apart,  
gotta find a shelter for my heart



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**Lithuania – LRT**  
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## My Mark:

<b>Performer(s):</b>	Donny Montell
<b>Song:</b>	I've been waiting for this night
<b>Composer(s):</b>	Jonas Thander & Beatrice Robertsson
<b>Writer(s):</b>	Jonas Thander & Beatrice Robertsson
<b>Debut Show:</b>	Second Semi-Final
<b>Selection Method:</b>	External (Eurovizijos 2016)
<b>Twitter:</b>	@DonnyMontell

## Biography:

Montell (28) is a well-known artist in his homeland and successful participant of many TV-projects in Lithuania. He gained popularity after taking part in various prestigious festivals. In 2008, Montell won the Grand Prix prize at the Belorussian festival, Slavianskij Bazar.

Two years later, he scored another victory, winning the show Dance With Me. However, this was just the beginning, as he was taking part in many popular shows and contests together with a group of professional dancers.

Participating in the national selection was just a matter of time for Donny Montell. In 2012, he introduced himself to a much wider audience, by taking part in LRT's selections "Eurovizija" with the song Love Is Blind. Winning the national selection in Lithuania brought him to Baku, where he took part at the Eurovision Song Contest for the very first time.

## Lyrics:

Here we are together you and I, I...  
Watching lights around us fill the night, night...  
I was living in the dark, tried to heal my broken heart  
Until now, here we are together you and I, I...

### CHORUS:

For a thousand years through a million tears  
With a hungry heart, every day apart  
I've been waiting for this night, I've been waiting for this night  
When I see your smile and your beautiful eyes  
I get lost in time, now I know that I've  
I've been waiting for this night, I've been waiting for this night

If only I could stay here by your side, side...  
To promise you forever here tonight, night...  
There is nothing I can do, that can take my heart from you  
Always yours, if only I could stay here by your side, side...

### CHORUS

Aaahhh aaahhh aaahhh aaahhh

### CHORUS

Here we are together you and I



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**Croatia – HRT**  
www.hrt.hr



## My Mark:

<b>Performer(s):</b>	Nina Kraljić
<b>Song:</b>	Lighthouse
<b>Composer(s):</b>	Andreas Grass & Nikola Paryla
<b>Writer(s):</b>	Andreas Grass & Nikola Paryla
<b>Debut Show:</b>	First Semi-Final
<b>Selection Method:</b>	Internal
<b>Twitter:</b>	@NinaKraljic

## Biography:

Nina Kraljić is a 24-year-old student from Lipovljani, Croatia. She has been singing since the early days of her childhood and has developed her singing skills through various music projects and the synchronisation of animated movies.

Her performances in the first season of The Voice - Najljepši glas Hrvatske (2015), left the audience speechless. Her extraordinary voice and unique interpretation of songs in various genres led to her victory in the show. Two months after winning, she presented her debut single Zaljubljeni smo svijet. The official audio and video of the single have been viewed more than 600.000 times on Vevo. In the beginning of 2016, she was nominated for three Croatian Music Awards; Porin 2016 (Best New Act, Best Song Arrangement, Best Female Vocals Performance). Nina was also recognised as Best Newcomer by Croatian national public broadcaster's radio HR2.

## Lyrics:

Lightning strikes on the sea  
Breaking waves around me  
Stormy tides and I feel  
My ship capsizing  
Out of sight, saving shore  
Ever gone, evermore  
Ropes untied, rain that pours  
The waters rising

In devastating times  
I keep this hope of mine  
Even in the darkest night

CHORUS:  
Cause there is a light  
Guiding my way  
Keeping me safe when oceans rage  
There in the sky  
Hiding away  
Never to die and fade  
I know that I'll find your  
Your Lighthouse, your lighthouse

I know that I'll find your

Harbours near, No more fear  
Wall of clouds disappears  
So I steer to the pier  
In tears arriving

No devastating times  
I kept this hope of mine  
Even in the darkest night

## CHORUS

I know that I'll find your  
There is a light  
Keeping me safe when oceans rage  
There in the sky  
Hiding away  
Never to die and fade  
I know that I'll find your

Your lighthouse (x5)



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**Russia – C1R**  
www.1tv.ru



## My Mark:

<b>Performer(s):</b>	Sergey Lazarev
<b>Song:</b>	You are the only one
<b>Composer(s):</b>	Dimitris Kontopoulos & Philip Kirkorov
<b>Writer(s):</b>	John Ballard & Ralph Charlie
<b>Debut Show:</b>	First Semi-Final
<b>Selection Method:</b>	Internal
<b>Twitter:</b>	@sergeylazarev

## Biography:

Sergey Lazarev, born in 1983, is a famous Russian singer, actor and TV presenter. When Sergey was 17 years old he formed the group Smash!! together with his friend Vlad Topalov. At the end of 2004 Smash!! split up at the peak of their success, and Sergey Lazarev decided to continue with his solo career.

His first solo album Don't Be Fake became a bestseller. In 2010 Sergey signed a record contract with Sony Music Entertainment. Sergey won the most prestigious music and theater awards in Russia. In 2015 Sergey Lazarev won all possible Russian music awards, including the First Russian National Music Award as the Best Singer of the Year. The tickets for his 2016 tour The Best in more than 55 cities in Russia were sold out almost immediately after announcement.

Sergey is also the voice of cartoon and movie characters, such as Prince Arthur from Shrek The Third, Humphrey, the wolf from Alpha and Omega, and Troy Bolton (originally Zak Efron) from Disney's High School Musical. Sergey likes pets. Three years ago he took a dog from a pet shelter and since then he has barely been separated from him. The dog even inspired his small business, The Confectionery for Pets, that he founded last year.

## Lyrics:

We can never let the word be unspoken  
We will never let our loving go come undone  
Everything we had is staying unbroken, now...  
you will always be the only one... you're the only one

### BRIDGE:

Won't ever give up cause you're still  
somewhere out there  
nothin' or no-one's gonna keep us apart  
Breakin' it down but i'm still gettin' nowhere...  
won't stop... hold on

### CHORUS:

Thunder 'n' lightning it's gettin' excitin'  
Lights up the skyline to show where u are  
My love is rising the story's unwindin'  
Together we'll make it 'n' reach for the stars  
You're the only one, you're my only one  
You're my life every breath that I take  
Unforgettable so unbelievable  
You're the only one, my only one...

I could have told you to slow down 'n' stay down  
I could have told you a secret won't u keep it now  
Thinking of making a showdown when love is found  
Thinking of waiting till you're around

### BRIDGE

### CHORUS (x2)

You're my only one...

Thunder (and lightning It's getting exciting)  
It's getting exciting (lights up the skyline to show were you are)  
To show were you are (You're the only one)  
You're my only one  
You're my life every breath that I take  
Unforgettable so unbelievable  
You're the only one, my only one...



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**Spain – RTVE**  
www.rtve.es



## My Mark:

<b>Performer(s):</b>	Barei
<b>Song:</b>	Say Yay!
<b>Composer(s):</b>	Bárbara Reyzábal, Rubén Villanueva, Víctor Púa
<b>Writer(s):</b>	Bárbara Reyzábal, Rubén Villanueva, Víctor Púa
<b>Debut Show:</b>	Final
<b>Selection Method:</b>	External (Objetivo Eurovisión)
<b>Twitter:</b>	@BAREI_MUSIC

## Biography:

Barei, stage name of Barbara Reyzábal, was born in Madrid on the 29th of March, 1982. Singer and composer of all her songs, her music career spans over 15 years. She has released two albums so far; Billete para no volver (No-return Ticket) and Throw The Dice. Barei studied musical language, singing, guitar and piano. At 18 she participated at the Benidorm Song Festival. After that she moved to Miami where she started writing and recording her first demos. Since her return to Spain, she toured through small venues and last year Barei performed at the Starlite Festival in Marbella. Barei mainly sings and composes in English. She has written songs for other artists such as the Spanish singers Malú and Edurne as well as the Japanese performer May J. Barei has also written soundtracks for television.

Barei wrote her song for the Eurovision Song Contest, Say Yay! along with Ruben Villanueva and Victor Pua. It is an up tempo song with energy and strength that emotionally reflects the common struggle for self-improvement; a rallying cry for anyone who fights to accomplish their goals.

## Lyrics:

Hello hello Mr. Fighter, Look! there we go again... Go getters don't forsake  
They never wallow in their fate  
More than a thousand miles until the end  
We're never gonna know what lies ahead  
We only got today to learn from our yesterday

BRIDGE:  
I feel alive (bringing into play)  
my whole life (going all the way)  
I'm still alive (and I turn away)  
from broken mirrors  
I feel alive (when I dare to say)  
I wanna fight

Won't fix by running... running... running...

CHORUS:  
Come on and raise your battle cry!  
You are the one who never dies!  
(Hurray! Sing it lalalala! Go on singing lalalala!)  
You keep on climbing over hills!  
Right now you're following your dreams!  
Hurray! Sing it lalalala! Hurray!

(Say Yay Yay Yay!) Hurray!  
(Say Yay Yay Yay! Say Yay Yay Yay!) Hurray!  
(Say Yay Yay Yay!)

Hello Hello Mr. Danger, No need to be afraid, I know by heart my shades  
I got the light between my breaks  
More than a thousand wounds upon my hands of every time I fought them face to face!  
We go through our mistakes to find the way to go back straight

BRIDGE

Won't fix by running  
No, no, no, no won't fix by running

CHORUS

(Say Yay Yay Yay!) Hurray!  
You gotta say yay! (Say Yay Yay Yay!)  
Churu chuchu churu chu churu chuchu chu  
Hurray! You gotta say Yay!  
Raise up your battle cry Say Yay Yay Yay!



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**Latvia - LTV**  
www.ltv.lv



## My Mark:

<b>Performer(s):</b>	Justs
<b>Song:</b>	Heartbeat
<b>Composer(s):</b>	Aminata Savadogo
<b>Writer(s):</b>	Aminata Savadogo
<b>Debut Show:</b>	Second Semi-Final
<b>Selection Method:</b>	External (Supernova 2016)
<b>Twitter:</b>	@Justs_Sirmais

## Biography:

Justs launched his solo career by participating in Latvia's national Eurovision selection. He names Ray Charles, Michael Jackson, The Neighbourhood and Glass Animals among his musical influences.

Justs' diverse musical activities include providing lead vocals for Latvian hip-hop artists Gacho on the record as well as live on tour and being part of funk-rock band TaxFree and Bunch of Gentlemen. Justs began his musical journey as a street musician in Riga.

Justs studies at Riga Teacher Training and Educational Management Academy to become a vocal coach for popular and jazz music and his long-term goal is opening an alternative music school. Additionally he has teamed up with his friends and is in process of creating an APP that he himself describes as Tinder for musicians.

## Lyrics:

I know you told so many times, so many words  
in different rhymes  
But I don't feel the same  
I wasn't innocent I know, and things I did for  
sure were wrong  
The time has passed so long

CHORUS:  
Feeling your heartbeat  
That's what I want, that's what I need  
Feeling again that you're breathing with me

I'm getting wild when I'm alone, I learned by  
heart you're not my own  
But I never asked you to belong  
You're my desire and my pain, but all the  
battles are in vain  
You mean more than anything to me

CHORUS (x2)

You're the one I need  
You're the air that I breathe  
Don't throw my heart away  
I want you to stay

CHORUS (x2)

Feeling your heartbeat





**Ukraine – NTU**  
www.1tv.com.ua

## My Mark:



**Performer(s):** Jamala  
**Song:** 1944  
**Composer(s):** Jamala  
**Writer(s):** Jamala  
**Debut Show:** Second Semi-Final  
**Selection Method:** External (Eurovision Song Contest Ukraine 2016)  
**Twitter:** @jamala

## Biography:

Jamala made her first professional record at the age of nine, it was the album of songs for children. She has graduated from the National Music Academy named after Tchaikovsky in Kyiv, majoring in opera singing. Jamala was going to make a career in classical music but in summer 2009 Jamala went to The New Wave, the International Contest of Young Singers in Jūrmala (Latvia) where she won the grand prize.

This year, Jamala won YUNA awards such as "Best Album", "Best Duo", "Best Artist" and "Best Song". Besides this she got ELLE Style Award ("Singer of the year"), Ukrainian National Award "Person of the Year" (nomination "Idol of Ukrainians").

Jamala has released four albums. The latest record Podykh (Breath) was released in 2015. The singer released 12 official music videos. She played the main female part in the historical drama Guide, which got the best box-office among Ukrainian movies in 2014. Jamala also had a cameo in fantasy movie Polina by Belgian director Olias Barco.

## Lyrics:

When strangers are coming...  
They come to your house,  
They kill you all and say  
We're not guilty... not guilty.

BRIDGE:  
Where is your mind? Humanity cries.  
You think you are gods, but everyone dies.  
Don't swallow my soul... our souls

CHORUS:  
Yaşlığım toyalmadım  
Men bu yerde yaşalmadım  
Yaşlığım toyalmadım  
Men bu yerde yaşalmadım

We could build a future  
Where people are free to live and love.  
The happiest time.

BRIDGE

CHORUS (x2)



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**Malta – TVM**  
www.tvm.com.mt



## My Mark:

**Performer(s):** Ira Losco  
**Song:** Walk on water  
**Composer(s):** Lisa Desmond, Tim Larsson, Tobias Lundgren, Molly Petterson Hammar & Ira  
**Writer(s):** Lisa Desmond, Tim Larsson, Tobias Lundgren, Molly Petterson Hammar & Ira  
**Debut Show:** First Semi-Final  
**Selection Method:** National Final (Malta Eurovision Song Contest 2016)  
**Twitter:** @iralosco

## Biography:

Ira Losco is one of the biggest names in Maltese music, and her career spanning over 15 years has seen her win more than 20 music awards. Ira has twice opened concerts for Sir Elton John and has performed alongside Katie Melua, Maroon 5, Akon, Enrique Iglesias, Ronan Keating, Tokio Hotel, Gigi D'Alessio and many more. She has also had a string of chart topping singles, including What I'd Give, The Person I Am, and Me Luv U Long Time. Her fifth album will be released this year. Ira is also no stranger to Eurovision, having come within 12 points of winning the Eurovision Song Contest in Tallinn in 2002. She returns to the Eurovision stage 14 years later in Stockholm with a powerful song, Walk on Water. Beyond music, Ira is an advocate for LGBTI rights, supports anti-bullying initiatives and campaigns to help teenagers protect themselves from revenge porn. In 2008 she was awarded a Prestigious Medal by the President of Malta in recognition of her outstanding achievements.

## Lyrics:

I've been fading into grey  
Trying to be someone  
Trying to please someone  
I've been painting bitter blue  
Always hitting walls  
Always trying to break the fall

**BRIDGE:**  
I'm not perfect  
But I'm A ok  
Chasing off the clouds  
I lock the blues away  
I lock the pain away

**CHORUS:**  
I can't get enough of your love  
I can't get you out of my heart  
I can't get enough of your love  
Cause I, I, I, I  
Feel like I can walk on water  
On water, On water  
And now I'm gonna walk on  
water, On water, On water  
Feels like I can walk on water

I've been trying hard to hear  
what my heart wants to say  
Letting it lead the way

## BRIDGE

I can't get enough of your love  
I can't get you out of my heart  
I can't get enough of your love Cause I, I, I, I  
Feel like I can walk on water  
On water, on water  
And now i'm gonna walk on

(Ooh ooh ooh) All I wanna do is  
(Ooh ooh ooh) Keep walking on water  
(Ooh ooh ooh) All I wanna do is walk on water

I can't get enough of your love Cause I, I, I, I  
Feel like I can walk on water  
On water, On water  
And now i'm gonna walk on  
water, on water, on water  
Feel like I can walk on water



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**Georgia – GPB**  
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## My Mark:

<b>Performer(s):</b>	Nika Kocharov & Young Georgian Lolitaz
<b>Song:</b>	Midnight gold
<b>Composer(s):</b>	Kote Kalandadze & Thomas G:son
<b>Writer(s):</b>	Kote Kalandadze
<b>Debut Show:</b>	Second Semi-Final
<b>Selection Method:</b>	Internal
<b>Twitter:</b>	@Y_G_L

## Biography:

Nika Kocharov's debut on stage took place with the group Blitz. That day Nika received his first gift, an acoustic guitar. He learned how to play the guitar on this unforgettable gift and still creates music on it. With Young Georgian Lolitaz, Nika Kocharov created a film soundtrack in 2003, which was later awarded the best soundtrack of the year. Soon after that the band received a business offer from London.

Young Georgian Lolitaz comprises three more musicians.

- Giorgi Marr (Bass Guitar), who studied at the KABK Royal Academy of Art in The Hague from 2009 to 2011.
- Levan Shanshiashvili (Guitar), who formed the alternative group Chaos in 1999. In 2011 he established the band Kid Jesus. Since 2000 he has been playing guitar in the group Young Georgian Lolitaz.
- Dimitri Oganessian (Drums), who currently plays the drums in Young Georgian Lolitaz.

## Lyrics:

When I came to, your smell on me  
I reached around the bed and grabbed a  
cigarette out of your bag

Sound of you breathing, feel of your skin  
brought back some memories, I never thought  
this all could happen to me

Ten hours are missing, from memory  
I vaguely can recall pain and pleasure mixing in  
one bowl

My mind is spinning, I know the bliss  
One million miles away my flesh and bones are  
dreaming in a haze

CHORUS:  
Stains of mud on your skin  
Night will come, so we'll see

CHORUS (x2)

Stains of mud on your skin, on your skin, on  
your skin...

When I came to, your smell on me  
I reached around the bed and grabbed a  
cigarette out of your bag



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**Austria – ORF**  
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## My Mark:

<b>Performer(s):</b>	ZOË
<b>Song:</b>	Loin d'ici
<b>Composer(s):</b>	Christof Straub & Zoe Straub
<b>Writer:</b>	Christof Straub & Zoe Straub
<b>Debut Show:</b>	First Semi-Final
<b>Selection Method:</b>	External (Wer singt für Österreich?)
<b>Twitter:</b>	@zoemusic

## Biography:

Zoe Straub's talent for music and love of chanson run in her family: the 19-year old Viennese artist is the daughter of Papermoon's founder Christof Straub. Zoe has been active as a singer and songwriter since 2013, her songs being the product of musical cooperation with her father. Alongside music, Zoe is also a TV personality and actress.

Zoe is a European with her heart and soul. The blend of European cultures, languages and regional musical traditions is meant to obliterate borderlines and stimulate the European idea. Her earliest memory of the Song Contest: "I guess I was some five years old and my parents were watching the Song Contest in their bedroom. I should have been fast asleep, but I eavesdropped at the door."

## Lyrics:

Et quand tu chantes, oui moi je chante aussi  
Quand tu t'élances, je suis  
Et quand tu voles, oui moi je vole aussi  
Si tu t'élances, j'te suis

CHORUS (x2):  
Dans un pays loin d'ici  
À la recherche du paradis  
Dans un pays loin d'ici  
On chante, on chante

Et quand la route nous semble sans issue  
Sans aucun doute, j'te suis  
Sans aucun doute, même si on s'ra perdu  
Sans aucun doute, j'te suis

CHORUS (x2)

On chante et on danse et on rit, on s'élance,  
réuni, enivré, dans l'imprudence

CHORUS (x2)

Dans un pays (à la recherche) du paradis  
(dans un pays)  
Dans un pays on chante, on chante  
On chante, on chante, on danse, on danse  
Dans un pays  
On chante, on chante, on danse, on danse  
Loin d'ici



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**United Kingdom – BBC**  
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## My Mark:



<b>Performer(s):</b>	Joe and Jake
<b>Song:</b>	You're not alone
<b>Composer(s):</b>	Matt Schwartz, Justin James Benson & Samuel Kanes
<b>Writer(s):</b>	Matt Schwartz, Justin James Benson & Samuel Kanes
<b>Debut Show:</b>	Final
<b>Selection Method:</b>	External (Eurovision You Decide)
<b>Twitter:</b>	@JoeandJakemusic

## Biography:

Joe Woolford, 21 from Ruthin in Wales and Jake Shakeshaft, 20 from Stoke-on-Trent in Staffordshire first met as fellow competitors on The Voice UK, where they quickly bonded over their love of music, followed by a shared love of peri-peri chicken and football.

Joe and Jake have been passionate about music since an early age. Joe has experimented with various sounds over the years, including rap whilst Jake has always wanted to follow his dream of performing on stage, even teaching himself guitar at the age of 14.

Both Joe and Jake have an eclectic musical taste, citing Bob Marley, Måns Zelmerlöw and Rudimental as their musical influences. Joe and Jake are a fun loving duo with a natural rapport and a firm friendship. They are extremely proud and excited to be representing the United Kingdom in Stockholm this year.

## Lyrics:

Heartbeat, when you're not around its beating slow, and it's something that I've never known... ooohhh... I'll be, I'll be the answer you've been waiting for, I'll be the truth that you've been looking for... ooohhh

You're not alone, we're in this together, all that you want is right here forever, and they don't need to know... ooohhh... and they don't need to know

You're not alone, we're in this together, all that you want, I'm right here forever, and they don't need to know... ooohhh... and they don't need to know

You're free, free to let go cause I'll be here for you, and when you fall I'll be your parachute... ooohhh... I, I, I feel like I'm dancing in the sky, I come alive when I'm with you, I come alive when I'm with you

You're not alone, we're in this together, all that you want is right here forever, and they don't need to know... ooohhh... and they don't need to know

I, I, I feel like I'm dancing in the sky, I come alive when I'm with you, I come alive when I'm with you

Don't speak, your smile tells me all I need to know, your eyes show me where I want to go... ooohhh

You're not alone, we're in this together, all that you want is right here forever, and they don't need to know... ooohhh... and they don't need to know

I, I, I feel like I'm dancing in the sky, I come alive when I'm with you, I come alive when I'm with you



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**Armenia – ARMTV**  
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## My Mark:

<b>Performer(s):</b>	Iveta Mukuchyan
<b>Song:</b>	LoveWave
<b>Composer(s):</b>	Lilith Navasardyan & Levon Navasardyan
<b>Writer(s):</b>	Iveta Mukuchyan & Stephanie Crutchfield
<b>Debut Show:</b>	First Semi-Final
<b>Selection Method:</b>	Internal
<b>Twitter:</b>	@IvetaMukuchyan

## Biography:

Iveta Mukuchyan is a singer, songwriter, actress and fashion model. She was born in Armenia on 14 November, 1986. When she was five years old, her family moved to Germany where she was educated, she specialised as a linguist. 20 years later Iveta returned to Armenia for her musical education. She studied jazz-vocal at the Yerevan State Conservatory. It was there that she realised that music is her greatest passion.

Iveta took part in the Armenian version of Idol in 2010, where she gained huge popularity and thousands of fans. Later that year, during the Armenia award ceremony held in Moscow, Iveta was awarded the Discovery of the Year prize. In 2012 Iveta took part in Germany's version of the talent show The Voice, where she performed Loreen's Euphoria, the song that won the 2012 Eurovision Song Contest. Four years later, she will be following Loreen's footsteps, entering the stage in Stockholm and representing Armenia with LoveWave.

## Lyrics:

Hey it's me. Look, I know it might sound  
strange but suddenly I'm not the same I used  
to be.  
It's like I've stepped out of space and time and  
come alive... I guess this is what it's all about  
cause...

When it touched me the world went silent,  
calm before the storm reaches me.  
The ground in motion set off all sirens, you  
took over my heartbeat... beat... beat... beat...  
It's taking over me.

You... shook my life like an earthquake now I'm  
waking up  
You... gave me faith now I can break every  
single wall,  
You... prove we can do it all when all is out of  
love,  
You... (oh like a lovewave) spread a lovewave  
'n my heart goes ba-ba-da-bu-who-oh-oh.

Caught in a downward spiral, I lost my soul in  
my dreams.  
I would give up and lose all trials, when one  
moment changed everything.  
Without even a single warning, I'm not who I  
was before.  
A chain reaction with no returning, now watch  
me craving for more.

It's taking over me.

It's taking, it's taking over me.

You... (oh like a lovewave) shook my life like  
an earthquake now I'm waking up,  
You... (oh like a lovewave) gave me faith now I  
can break every single wall,  
You... (oh like a lovewave) prove we can do it  
all when all is out of love,  
You... (oh like a lovewave) spread a lovewave  
'n my heart goes ba-ba-da-bu-who-oh-oh.



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